

PUBLIC NOTICE
APPOINTMENT OF NEW MAGISTRATE JUDGE
United States District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin

The Judicial Conference of the United States has authorized the appointment of a full-time United States magistrate judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin at Milwaukee.

The duties of the position include the following: (1) conduct preliminary proceedings in felony criminal cases; (2) trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; (3) conduct various civil pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from the judges of the district court; and (4) trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants. The basic authority of a United States magistrate judge is specified in 28 U.S.C. § 636.

To be qualified for appointment an applicant must

- (1) Be, and have been for at least five years, a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of a state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Territory of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or the Virgin Islands of the United States, and have been engaged in the active practice of law for a period of at least five years (with some substitutes authorized);
- (2) Be competent to perform all the duties of the office; be of good moral character; be committed to equal justice under the law; be patient and courteous; and be capable of deliberation and decisiveness;
- (3) Be less than seventy years old; and
- (4) Not be related to a judge of the district court.

A Merit Selection Panel composed of attorneys and other members of the community will review all applicants and recommend to the judges of the court the five persons it considers best qualified for the position. The court will make a final appointment, following an FBI full-field investigation and an IRS tax check of the appointee. An affirmative effort will be made to give due consideration to all qualified applicants without regard to race, color, age (40 and over), gender, religion, nation origin, or disability. The current annual salary of the position is \$160,080. The term of office is eight years.

The application form for the magistrate judge position is available on the District Court's website at www.wied.uscourts.gov.

Applications must be submitted only by applicants personally. Please return one hard copy of the completed form along with ten (10) electronic copies, each on a separate compact disc or DVD in Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF), by 5:00 p.m. CDT on April 29, 2010, to:

Attorney Nathan A. Fishbach
Chairman, Merit Selection Panel
Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek S.C.
555 East Wells Street, Suite 1900
Milwaukee, WI 53202-3837

Note: Do not submit applications to the District Court. Applications delivered to the District Court will not be forwarded to the chairman of the merit selection panel.

All applications will be kept confidential, unless the applicant consents to disclosure, and all applications will be examined only by the members of the merit selection panel and the judges of the district court. The panel's deliberations will remain confidential.